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THE HIDDEN KINGDOM OF A.K. ROWDEN

JUNGLE JIM
SINISTER TALES ARE TOLD OF THE MAN - A.K. ROWDEN! WHERE HE GOES, STRANGE THINGS HAPPEN! NOW, THE MILLIONAIRE'S YACHT LIES AT ANCHOR NEAR JUNGLE JIM'S HEADQUARTERS, AND AS JIM APPROACHES THE YACHT TO INQUIRE OF FOUR MISSING FRIENDS HE IS CONFRONTED BY A HOSTILE, ARROGANT, A.K. ROWDEN!
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THE HIDDEN KINGDOM
I'M GOING TO SEARCH YOUR SHIP, ROWDEN! IF MY MEN ARE...
DESTROY THAT MEDDLESOME FOOL, ALIKAR!
YES, SAHIB!
TAKE THAT ONE! WE MUST GET UNDER WAY AT ONCE!
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A.K. ROWDEN'S YACHT SPEEDS UPRIVER..INTO A LAND SO TREACHEROUS AND MENACING IT IS JUST STILL UNCHARTED..LEAVING JUNGLE JIM STILL AND LIFELESS ON THE RIVER BANK!
BEGIN ADMINISTERING THE HERBS, ALIKAR! WITHIN TWENTY FOUR HOURS OUR NEW..RECRUITS..WILL BE INCAPABLE OF CAUSING TROUBLE!
THIS ONE IS JUNGLE JIM'S COMRADE! HE IS STRONG AND WILL DO MUCH WORK..AFTER HE DRINKS OF THIS POTION!
WHAT NEW EVIL THREATENS.. JUNGLE JIM NOW ..OR IS HE BEYOND ALL MORTAL HARM?
...IS JUNGLE JIM DEAD?
JUNGLE JIM TEACH ULO HIS MEDICINE! HE HAS POISON OF BUSHMASTER SNAKE IN BLOOD! ULO MUST FIX QUICKLY!
..THESE PILLS CAN SAVE JUNGLE JIM! START FIRE..NOW GIVE MUCH HOT SOUP!

NEVER HAS JUNGLE JIM VENTURED CLOSER TO DEATH'S DOOR! FEVER RIOTS IN HIS BRAIN! HIS HEART ALMOST STOPS TIME AFTER TIME..BUT ULO AND HIS FRIENDS NEVER GIVE UP....
DAYS PASSED AS ULO FOUGHT THE DEMONS OF DEATH FOR THE SOUL OF JUNGLE JIM....
THEN THE THIRD NIGHT ... JUNGLE JIM AWAKENS ..AT PEACE!
ULO IS HERE ..HE SAVED ME!
IT WAS CLOSE,ULO! WHAT POISON WAS USED?
BUSHMASTER VENOM! I USED THE PILLS YOU TAUGHT ME TO USE! THE HEARTS OF ULO AND HIS PEOPLE ARE GLAD YOU ARE STILL WITH US!
MORNING AND JUNGLE JIM IS READY TO DEPART....
YOU SHOULD NOT GO TO THE FORBIDDEN LAND ..NO WARRIOR HAS EVER RETURNED FROM BEHIND THE CURTAIN OF DEATH!
HAVE NO FEAR...I WILL RETURN WITH KOLU AND THE OTHERS!
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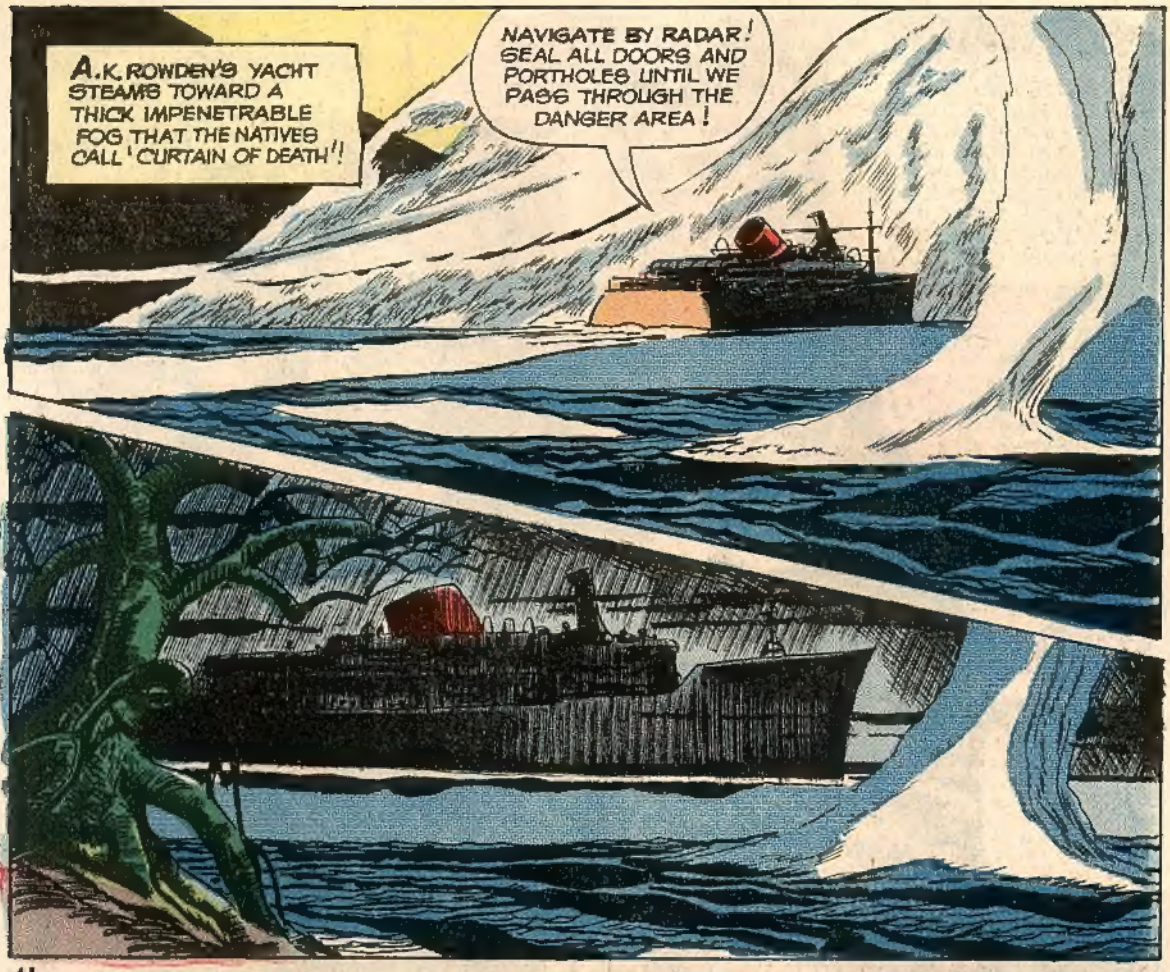
A.K. ROWDEN'S YACHT STEAMS TOWARD A THICK IMPENETRABLE FOG THAT THE NATIVES CALL 'CURTAIN OF DEATH'!
NAVIGATE BY RADAR! SEAL ALL DOORS AND PORTHOLES UNTIL WE PASS THROUGH THE DANGER AREA!

HOW WILL JUNGLE JIM SURVIVE THIS DEADLY PERIL?

FIREFIGHTERS' MASKS PROTECT THE BOATMEN AS THEY PADDLE INTO THE FOUL FOG SHROUDING THE RIVER!

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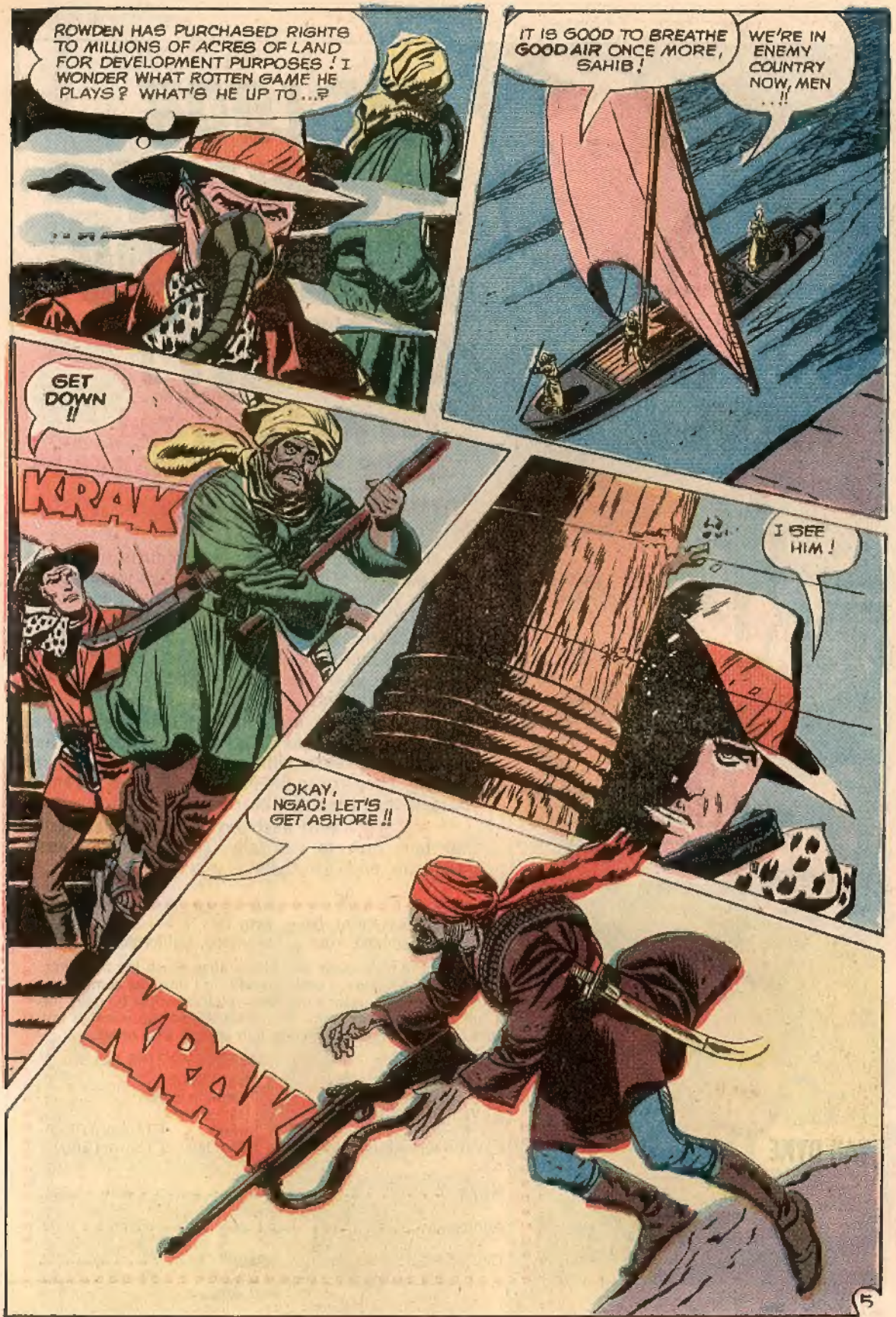
ROWDEN HAS PURCHASED RIGHTS TO MILLIONS OF ACRES OF LAND FOR DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES! I WONDER WHAT ROTTEN GAME HE PLAYS? WHAT'S HE UP TO...?
IT IS GOOD TO BREATHE GOOD AIR ONCE MORE, SAHIB!
WE'RE IN ENEMY COUNTRY NOW, MEN...!!
GET DOWN!!
KRAK
I SEE HIM!
OKAY, NGAO! LET'S GET ASHORE!!
KRAK
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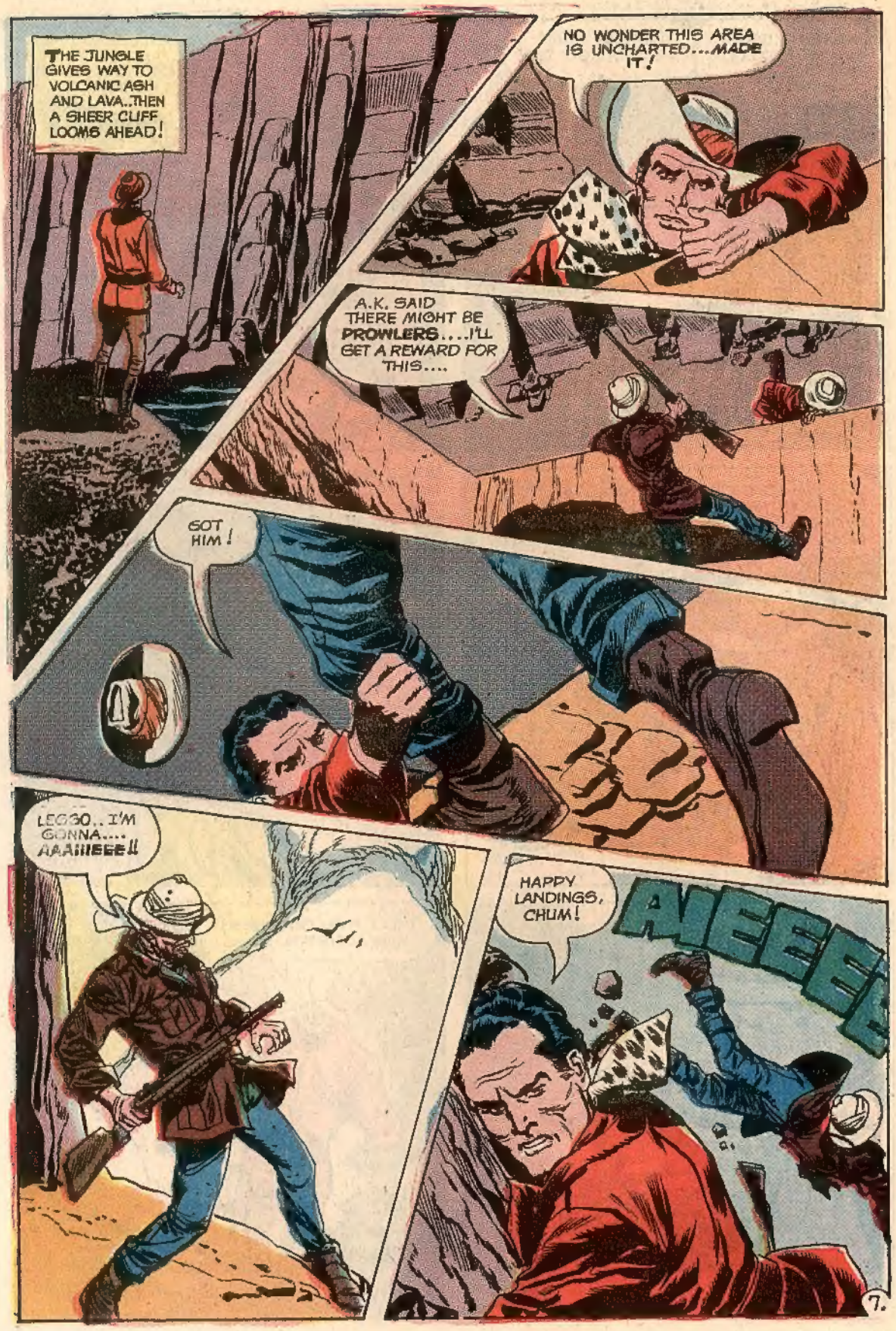
GIVE HIM LOTS OF WATER, NGAO, AND WAIT HERE FOR THREE DAYS! IF I AM NOT BACK BY THEN, GO DOWN RIVER IN THE DARKNESS! WEAR THE FIREFIGHTER'S MASK AND YOU'LL BE SAFE!
YES, SAHIB!

NOW, JUNGLE JIM MOVES SILENTLY THROUGH THE TROPICAL RAIN FOREST! THIS IS A STRANGE LAND!


THE JUNGLE GIVES WAY TO VOLCANIC ASH AND LAVA..THEN A SHEER CLIFF LOOMS AHEAD!
NO WONDER THIS AREA IS UNCHARTED...MADE IT!
A.K. SAID THERE MIGHT BE PROWLERS....I'LL GET A REWARD FOR THIS....
GOT HIM!
LEGGO.. I'M GONNA.... AAAIIIEEE!!
HAPPY LANDINGS, CHUM!
AIEEE!

THE VIEW IS ALMOST UNBELIEVABLE! HERE IN THE UNKNOWN INTERIOR-A CITY IS FLOURISHING... A KINGDOM RULED BY ONE MAN-A.K. ROWDEN!
ROWDEN KIDNAPPED KOLU AND FOUR OTHERS THAT I KNOW OF... HE'S PROBABLY GOT THOUSANDS OF SLAVES WORKING DOWN THERE! I'VE GOT TO FIND A WAY TO GET IN!
A PLANE... COMING RIGHT AT ME!
RATT TAT-TAT
WAR ONE!
...A BOMB!
END PART I...

JUNGLE JIM

THE SLAVE PIT PART 2

THIS IS ROWDEN! I'VE STOPPED AN INTRUDER! BRING HIM IN!
TREAT HIM LIGHTLY.. ROWDEN MAY HAVE PLANS FOR HIM!
AH..JUNGLE JIM! HE WILL MAKE A CAPABLE SERVANT AFTER HE'S BEEN SEPARATED FROM HIS WILL!
TAKE HIM TO THE SLAVE PIT!
CUT HIM LOOSE! WE WILL THROW HIM DOWN WITH THE OTHERS!

HE WILL EAT THE BERRIES AND THEN HE TOO WILL WORK DEEP IN THE MINE!
NOT THAT ONE! I REMEMBER FROM MY OTHER LIFE.. HE IS JUNGLE JIM.. HE WILL NOT BECOME AS WE ARE NOW....

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THE BERRIES MADE THEM AS THEY ARE..IF I EAT THEM, I TOO WILL BE LIKE THE WALKING DEAD!
UNLESS EVERY BERRY IS EATEN ..YOU WILL BE EXECUTED!
DID JUNGLE JIM...?
HIS BOWL IS EMPTY ..NOW HE WILL BE LIKE ALL THE REST!
THEY SLEEP THROUGH THE DARKNESS..IF ONE CAN CALL THE OPEN-EYED SILENCE SLEEP! THEN..AT SUN-UP, THEIR SIGNAL BOOMS AND ECHOES OFF THE WALLS OF THE SLAVE PIT!
RISE AND FORM LINES... YOU WILL ENTER THE MINE AND BEGIN MINING THE PITCHBLENDE ORE!

THERE ARE GUARDS HERE IN THE PITCH-BLENDE MINE..THE ORE FROM WHICH URANIUM IS EXTRACTED..THE BASIC METAL USED IN NUCLEAR BOMBS!
CONTINUED EXPOSURE TO RADIATION DOWN HERE WILL DESTROY ANYONE QUICKLY!
THERE'S KOLU!

I SAW YOU PRETEND TO EAT THE BERRIES JUST AS I DID, JUNGLE JIM! WE WILL NOT LIVE LONG IN THIS PLACE!
WE WON'T STAY LONG FRIEND!

WORK UNTIL THEY BRING US THE MID DAY MEAL OF BERRIES, KOLU!
SILENCE OR DIE!

AT NOON, THE MIND STEALING BERRIES ARE BROUGHT TO THE SLAVES!
EAT OR DIE!

I'D RATHER TAKE A CHANCE ON DYING!

I'LL LET YOU EAT MY LUNCH!
WAK
I'LL FIX THIS ONE, JUNGLE JIM!
AHHHH
I'LL ROUND UP THE OTHER GUARDS! YOU KEEP THE OTHERS FROM EATING THIS STUFF..I THINK THE EFFECTS OF THE BERRIES MUST WEAR OFF IN A FEW HOURS!..
GOT THAT ONE! THE OTHER PRISONERS DON'T HELP....
..BUT THEY DON'T GET IN THE WAY EITHER!
..SO I CAN MOVE WITH FREEDOM!
NOW THE SECOND PART OF JUNGLE JIM'S PLAN GOES INTO EFFECT. HE FEEDS THE GUARDS ON THE PRISONER'S RATION'S..
BERRIES OR BULLETS!
B.

THERE ARE GUARDS AROUND THE PIT! I'LL USE OUR FRIEND HERE TO GET PAST THEM!
TAKE THIS GUN AND PRETEND I'M YOUR PRISONER! YOU WILL ESCORT ME TO A.K. ROWDEN!
AND...
THE BERRY-EATERS OKAY IN THE MINE, SURK?
ALL IS WELL!
I'M LUCKY TO HAVE THE GUARD ESCORTING ME TO ROWDEN!
THIS IS THE PALACE! I CANNOT TAKE YOU FURTHER! ONE OF THE GUARDS HERE MUST NOW TAKE MY PLACE.. IT IS THE RULE!

GIVE ME THE GUN! NOW, RETURN TO THE MINE WITHOUT SPEAKING TO THE OTHERS... UNDERSTAND ?
I OBEY!
I WISH TO REPORT TO MR. A. K. ROWDEN, GUARD! SHOW ME TO HIM!
I AM A BUSH PILOT...I HAVE BEEN HIRED TO FLY ONE OF HIS PLANES!
FOLLOW ME!
ROWDEN'S PALACE MORE MAGNIFICENT THAN BUCKINGHAM.. AND MORE HEAVILY GUARDED!
I LEAVE YOU AT THE PORTALS . YOU PROCEED DOWN THE MAIN CORRIDOR TO THE THRONE ROOM!
I'VE GOT TO SURPRISE HIM!
WELCOME, JUNGLE JIM .I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU!
END PART 2
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SOMO LA KWANZA

Mwalimu
By Bahiti
Kjema

SWAHILI, LESSON NO. 1.

Swahili is technically known as Kiswahili by the people who speak it. It is the tongue spoken with variations - by millions of people in Africa. And it is now the official language of the United Republic of Tanzania. How did Swahili originate? Start with its basis which is Bantu. Bear in mind that most of the languages spoken in East, Central, and South Africa belong to the group we call "Bantu." The word "Bantu" itself is derived from a root which means "people" and you find this in Swahili as "watu."

There was a movement of different people in Africa centuries ago. People speaking a Bantu tongue met people speaking Arabic. Perhaps it is about time that students in our schools do learn about the background of Africa. We can start with the Arab traders. Let us also remember that part of the trade consisted of slaves! You had slaves, animal skins, ivory and other products that were wanted. And because of the monsoons, you had to have a waiting period for the ships to return. Therefore, you had settlements of Arabs. For communication, a language consisting of words from both of the tongues - Arabic and Bantu - grew up. Bear in mind that the Arab trader thus had to have two languages at his command: His own - if for no other reason than to read the Koran and for the rites of his faith, and this growing other language for trade and communication.

There were also other groups of people who traded in Africa. At one time the Persians were the principal traders. There is evidence that Indonesians from Sumatra and Java colonized Madagascar in about the third century A.D. Indian ships even traded at an early date with the East Coast. Then in the not too distant past, there were Portugese traders. So that the Swahili tongue grew with words that we call "Borrowed" or even "loaned." Therefore in the language as spoken today you find words that came from Hindi, Persian, Arabic, Portugese and English. Today the language is written in our Roman Script instead of the Arabic in which it was formerly written.

Go to a large unabridged dictionary and look up the origin of some of the words you use in English. You will find that we have words that come from Latin, German, French, Anglo-Saxon, and other tongues-including Chinese! Just to keep the record straight, China did know about Africa in past centuries. The word "chai" means tea in Swahili. But you find a similiar word in Chinese and Russian. It came from Hindu into Swahili.

Swahili is not difficult to read and pronounce. Here is a simplified key to help you with some of the words. *e* is somewhere between the e of better and the ay of day; *u* is like the oo in moon; *dh* is like the the in then, *e* is like the ee in meet; and *a* is like the a in father; *j* is like the j in jar.

Now here are some words from the English you will find in Swahili and you can easily recognize them:

sigara - cigar
polisi - police
stebbeei - station
wiki - week
Sigareti - cigarette
daktari - doctor of medicine
hoteli - hotel
baisikeli - bicycle

hospitali - hospital
blanketi - blanket
defisi - office
motorkaa - automobile

From the Arabic tongue we have many words. Here are just a few of them:

farasi - horse
kunradhi - pardon me
kelele - noise, shout
sabuni - soap

sanduka trunk or box
sita six
labda perhaps
samaki fish
sukari - sugar

sukari sugar
saba - seven
raha - peace
theluji snow

From the Persian tongue we have these words:

saraka a drawer of a chest

balungi - grapefruit

habedari look out

From the Portugese tongue we have these words and two of them may look familiar to you:

kasha - box

karta card

pera pear

And from the Hindu tongue we have these words:

pesa money
limau lemon

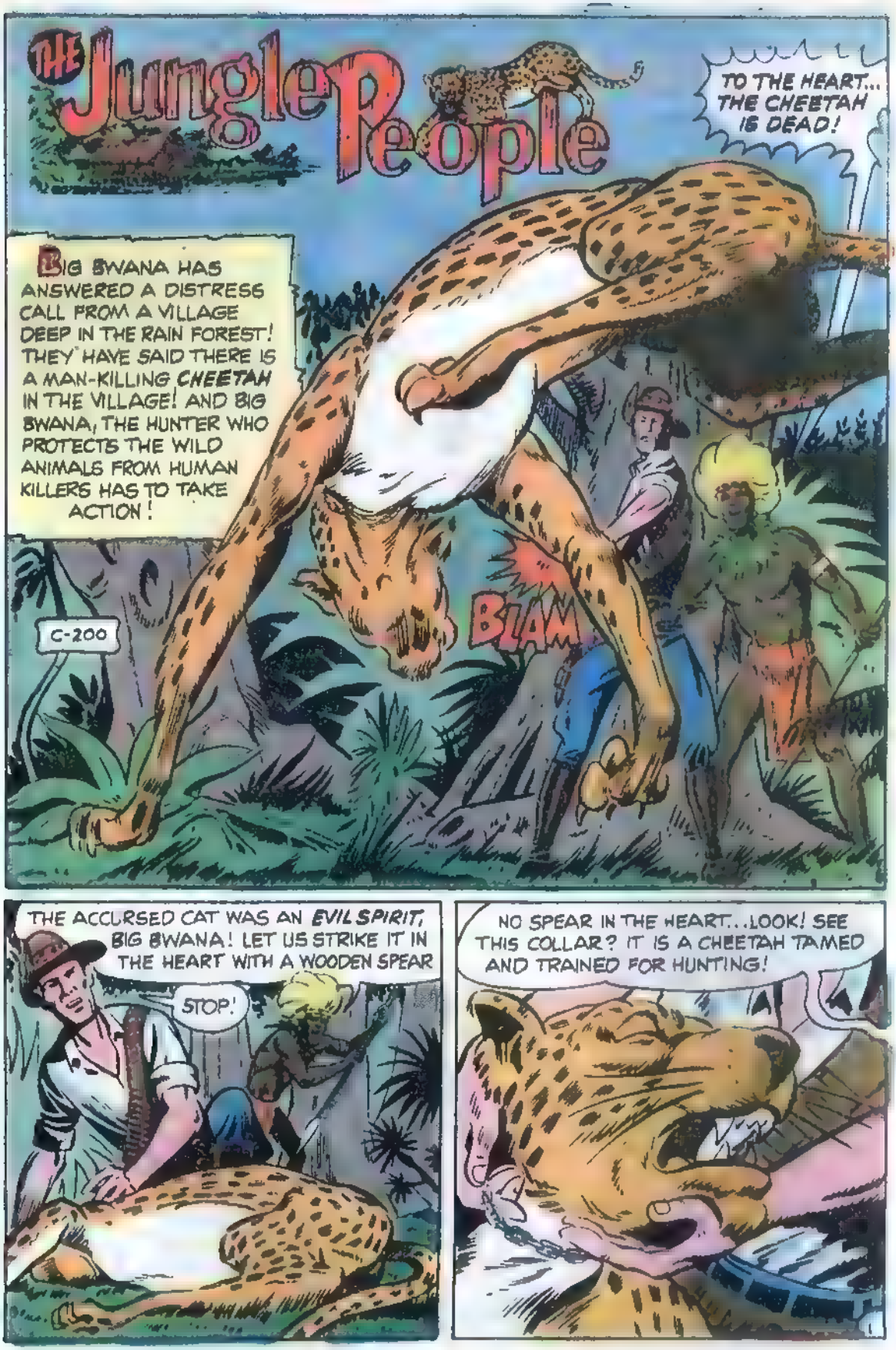
gari a vehicle
pure maize and beans

pelipeli pepper

korija - a measure of 20

What's next? In our next lesson we will show you how to greet a person and how to say farewell.

Tear this sheet out and save it. Tell your friends there will be more lessons about this wonderful language. Be the first in your group to speak it. Each lesson will be independent so you can go ahead even if you miss a lesson.


THE Jungle People
TO THE HEART... THE CHEETAH IS DEAD!
BIG BWANA HAS ANSWERED A DISTRESS CALL FROM A VILLAGE DEEP IN THE RAIN FOREST! THEY HAVE SAID THERE IS A MAN-KILLING CHEETAH IN THE VILLAGE! AND BIG BWANA, THE HUNTER WHO PROTECTS THE WILD ANIMALS FROM HUMAN KILLERS HAS TO TAKE ACTION!
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BLAM
THE ACCURSED CAT WAS AN EVIL SPIRIT, BIG BWANA! LET US STRIKE IT IN THE HEART WITH A WOODEN SPEAR
STOP!
NO SPEAR IN THE HEART...LOOK! SEE THIS COLLAR? IT IS A CHEETAH TAMED AND TRAINED FOR HUNTING!

WHY DID HE ATTACK THE WARRIORS IN OUR VILLAGE, BIG BWANA?
THAT IS WHAT I WISH TO DISCOVER! NOW, MOVE BACK FROM THE CHEETAH...
WHY DO WE NOT TAKE THE SKIN, BWANA?
THE CHEETAH STILL NEEDS IT, AMBOLI!
I HAD MEDICATED PELLETS INSTEAD OF DEADLY BULLETS IN THE RIFLE! NOW WE CAN TRAIL THE CHEETAH!
THE CHEETAH, FASTEST ANIMAL IN THE WORLD, CAN RUN AT EIGHTY-FOUR MILES PER HOUR... THOUGH NOT FOR LONG. NOW, THIS ONE MOVES SLOWLY TOWARD THE MAN WHO TRAINED IT AND SENT IT FORTH TO KILL!
MILES INLAND, THE CHEETAH AT LAST IS HOME...TO ONE OF THE BREED THAT HAS PREYED ON THE JUNGLE PEOPLE FOR CENTURIES!
THERE IS THE HUNTER! IT HAS NOT KILLED! HE MUST BE PUNISHED!
DESERT PIRATES... PLUNDERERS AND SLAVE-TRADERS!
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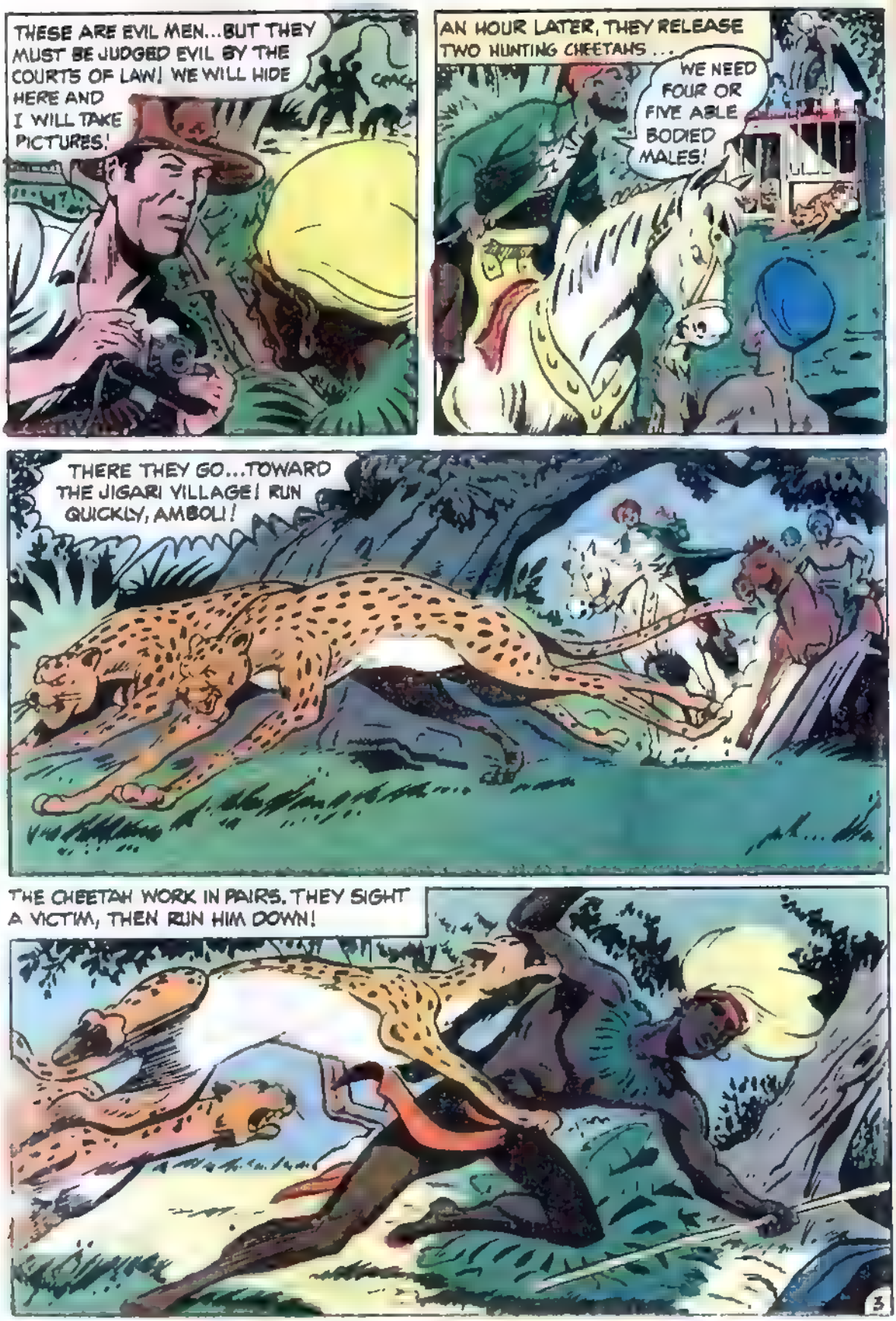
THESE ARE EVIL MEN...BUT THEY MUST BE JUDGED EVIL BY THE COURTS OF LAW! WE WILL HIDE HERE AND I WILL TAKE PICTURES!
CRACK
AN HOUR LATER, THEY RELEASE TWO HUNTING CHEETAHS...
WE NEED FOUR OR FIVE ABLE BODIED MALES!
THERE THEY GO...TOWARD THE JIGARI VILLAGE! RUN QUICKLY, AMBOLI!
THE CHEETAH WORK IN PAIRS. THEY SIGHT A VICTIM, THEN RUN HIM DOWN!
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THE CHEETAHS GROUND THEIR PREY...THEN THEIR MASTERS APPROACH TO TAKE THE PRISONER!
QUICKLY SO THAT WE MAY TAKE OTHERS!
CRACK
ZEEEEEEE
STAND FAST!!
NEVER MIND THE CHEETAHS! THEY'RE DOMESTICATED...HARMLESS WHEN THEY'RE NOT BEING USED TO HUNT! USE THEIR OWN MANACLES ON THESE SLAVE-TRADERS, AMBOLI!
WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE CHEETAH, BIG BWANA?
THEY'D DIE IF THEY WERE RELEASED NOW, AMBOLI! WE'LL TAKE THEM TO THE PROTECTED GAME PRESERVE... THEY CAN SURVIVE IN THAT ENVIROMENT!
The End
SEE THE JUNGLE PEOPLE IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF JUNGLE JIM..
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JUNGLE JIM
PART 3
THE ETERNAL FLAME
I HAVE WATCHED EVERY MOVE YOU'VE MADE ON CLOSED CIRCUIT T.V., JUNGLE JIM! IN THE FUTURE, I WILL TAKE STEPS TO SEE THAT SUCH ACTIONS CANNOT AGAIN SUCCEED!
YOU'RE BAD, ROWDEN .. YOU'VE ENSLAVED AND DESTROYED MANY MEN!
.. OH, NO, MY FRIEND.. IT IS YOU THAT WILL BE PUNISHED!
. THE OUTSIDE WORLD WILL FIND OUT ABOUT YOUR HIDDEN KINGDOM! YOU'LL BE PUNISHED FOR WHAT YOU ARE DOING!
16.

THE SELF-APPOINTED KING'S WHIP SLASHES DOWN ACROSS JUNGLE JIM'S SHOULDER....
NOW YOU'LL KNOW MY BRAND OF JUSTICE!
CRAK
. AND YOU - MINE!
AGGH
THAT'S IT, ROWDEN.. DON'T LET GO!
HERE, ROWDEN... PARTIAL PAYMENT FOR MY FRIENDS...
ANOTHER INSTALLMENT, BIGSHOT!
17.

KILL THE INTRUDER !
KLG
THIS MAY SLOW 'EM A BIT !
THIS OBVIOUSLY IS ROWDEN'S CONTROL CENTER ! SO LET'S FIND OUT WHAT'S CONTROLLED !
THE BARRACKS !
.. LIKE THIS FOR A STARTER !

COME OUT OF THERE! THOSE CONTACTS ACTIVATE A 'DESTRUCT SYSTEM'.. YOU'LL BLOW UP THE ENTIRE CITY...EVERYONE WILL DIE!
HE'S RIGHT...EVEN THE INNOCENT SLAVES ...CAN'T LET THAT HAPPEN!
....THERE'S A 'TIME' DEVICE ON THE MASTER SWITCH! I'LL SET IT FOR FIFTEEN MINUTES!..THAT MAY GIVE US TIME TO...
..GET OUT OF HERE!

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HE'S PULLED THE SWITCH... WE'RE DOOMED!
RUN... EVERY MAN FOR HIMSELF!
I DIDN'T THINK ROWDEN WOULD MISS A CHANCE TO FILL THIS MOAT WITH CROCODILES!
...THAN ME!
..IF I CAN DO A FAST JOB ON THIS ONE... MAYBE HIS PALS WILL SETTLE FOR HIM RATHER...
SNAP

IN THE TIME IT TAKES JIM TO REACH THE SURFACE..THE CITY HAS BECOME A SCENE OF...
PANIC! THEY WON'T BE WORRYING ABOUT ME!
..I'VE GOT TO REACH KOLU AND THE SLAVES!
...BUT KOLU HAS ALREADY TAKEN COMMAND AND IS LEADING THE SLAVES FROM THE PITS!
KOLU!
JIM! WHAT IS HAPPENING..THE GUARDS HAVE RUN AWAY!
I HAVEN'T TIME TO EXPLAIN... GET THESE MEN TO THE YACHT AS FAST AS YOU CAN! HAVE YOU SEEN ROWDEN?
YES... HE WAS RUNNING TO HIS PLANE..YOU CAN'T STOP HIM NOW!
FRANTICALLY, ROWDEN PUSHES HIS VINTAGE PLANE SKYWARD! BUT-JUST AS HE IS ABOUT TO CLEAR THE MOUNTAIN

...THE PEAKS ARE RIPPED BY VIOLENT EXPLOSIONS...
...AND ROWDEN'S PLANE IS THROWN INTO THE DIVE FROM WHICH THERE IS NO RETURN....
...THE EXPLOSIONS... THEY'VE OPENED A VOLCANO..HURRY, KOLU..THE SKY WILL BE RAINING FIRE...
FIRE AND LAVA THAT WILL BURY FOREVER ROWDEN'S HIDDEN KINGDOM..BUT NOT BEFORE....
WE ARE OUT OF RANGE, JUNGLE JIM- BUT WHERE IS THE DEADLY FOG?
..THE VOLCANO MUST HAVE CLOSED THE FISSURE FROM WHICH STEAM AND POISONOUS GASES ESCAPED TO FORM THE CURTAIN OF DEATH! YES..I THINK THE FOG HAS JOINED A.K. ROWDEN IN BECOMING JUST A BAD MEMORY!
THE END